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SUBJECT:MAJOR PROJECT: U.S. VISIT OF GOI MINISTER
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1. MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION USDOC MET WITH NTIA
TODAY AND DRAFTED TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR MINISTER VERMA.
REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS THIS WITH VERMA AT FIRST OPPOR-
TUNITY AND IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY MEPD OF ANY AREAS WHICH
ARE NOT OF INTEREST TO VERMA. NOTHING IS IN CONCRETE
AT THIS STAGE. ALSO IF VERMA HAS CERTAIN AREAS ON WHICH
HE WOULD LIKE TO PUT MORE EMPHASIS PLEASE ADVISE. MEPD
WOULD FIND VERY USEFUL A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF MINISTER'S
PRIME RESPONSIBILITIES AND INTERESTS. FOR INSTANCE IS
HE MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT PLANNING, PROCUREMENT
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AND OPERATION OR DO HIS RESPONSIBILITIES EXTEND TO THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEEDS OF INDIA'S INDUSTRY?

2. ITINERARY- WASHINGTON AREA JUNE 19-21.

JUNE 19:

MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON VISITS WITH SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND OTHER HIGH LEVEL COMMERCE OFFICIALS INCLUDING ASSISTANT SECRETARIES WEIL (ITA) AND GELLER (NTIA).

DISCUSS WITH APPLICATIONS DIVISION OF NTIA THE INDIA EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM WITH THE ATX-6 SATELLITE.

LATE AFTERNOON - GOVERNMENT/SPECTRUM, NTIA, ANNAPOLIS (THIS UNIT MANAGES GOVERNMENT USE OF THE RADIO SPECTRUM.)

JUNE 20:

INSTITUTE FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, ROCKVILLE.
(VERY SOPHISTICATED COMPUTER APPLICATIONS LAB.)

HEW - DISCUSS APPLICATIONS AND USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO DELIVER HEALTH AND EDUCATION SERVICES.

NASA - GREENBELT, MARYLAND.

FAA - VISIT TO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER, LEESBURG, VIRGINIA.

FCC - COMMON CARRIER BRANCH - INTERNATIONAL SECTION
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JUNE 21:

VERY TENTATIVE WHITE HOUSE VISIT WITH STAFFERS CONCERNED WITH TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

OMB - IF MINISTER WISHES TO DISCUSS PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES.

TENTATIVE VISIT WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CONCERNED WITH TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

STATE - VISIT WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES - IF MINISTER VERMA WOULD BE WILLING, A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL,

COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND COMPUTERS, COULD BE HELD AT WHICH THE MINISTER WOULD BE INVITED TO MAKE A

PRESENTATION ON THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCENE IN INDIA -
DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW.

ALSO A POSSIBLE MEETING WITH THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY
ASSOCIATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND A VISIT TO COMSAT
LABS IN CLARKSVILLE, MARYLAND.

OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE ACCOMPLISH ALL ABOVE. RELY ON
EMBASSY TO WEED OUT. HOWEVER, IF ALL ABOVE DESIRABLE,
EMBASSY SHOULD ASSIST BY ADVISING MEPD HOW TO CUT BACK
ON OUT-OF-TOWN PORTION OF ITINERARY WHICH FOLLOWS.

JUNE 22 - BELL LABS, MURRAY HILL, NEW JERSEY.

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JUNE 23 - WESTERN ELECTRIC, GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA
AND SCIENTIFIC ATLANTA, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

WEEKEND FREE - COULD BE SPENT IN FLORIDA.

JUNE 26 - CAPE CANAVERAL (IF THERE IS A LAUNCH SCHEDULED).
HARRIS CORPORATION, SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION,
MELBOURNE, FLORIDA.

JUNE 27 - TEXAS INSTRUMENTS (SEMICONDUCTORS), DALLAS,
TEXAS.

JUNE 28 - HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CA.

JUNE 29 - FREE

JUNE 30 - AERONEUTRONICS FORD, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA
AND STANFORD UNIVERSITY, STANFORD, CALIFORNIA.

OTHER FIRMS CONSIDERED BUT NOT INCLUDED IN ITINERARY
DUE TO LOGISTICS ARE: MOTOROLA (SEMICONDUCTORS), PHOENIX,
ARIZONA; GTE LABS, WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS; ILLINOIS
BELL (FIELD TRIALS OF FIBER OPTICS), CHICAGO; GE,
PHILADELPHIA. IF THESE OR ANY OTHERS SHOULD BE INCLUDED,
PLEASE ADVISE HOW VERMA FEELS THEY WOULD BEST BE FIT IN.

3. WHAT IS SIZE AND MAKE UP OF GROUP TRAVELING WITH
MINISTER?

4. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE MUCH APPRECIATED. VANCE

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